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**114.3 CMR 43.00: Hospice Services**  
Effective October 1, 2005

Rate Update

Under authority of Regulation 114.3 CMR 43.04, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has implemented a change in hospice per diem and per hour rates for MassHealth hospice providers. As outlined in section 114.3 CMR 43.04(3), changes in Medicare rates result in like changes in MassHealth rates and are announced in a Division of Health Care Finance and Policy Information Bulletin.

Change to the Regulation

The new Medicaid per diem or per hourly rates will be effective October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 to coincide with the Medicare rate changes.

The expected fiscal impact for MassHealth for the effective period of these rates is \$98,395 based upon projected expenditures of \$4,034,190 for the fiscal year October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006, and an average change in rates of 2.5%.

The revised hospice per diem or per hour rates by county appear in the following tables:

<b>Norfolk-Plymouth-Suffolk</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$138.69	\$146.06/per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$33.70	\$35.49/hr.
Inpatient Respite	\$147.00	\$154.37/per diem
General Inpatient	\$611.10	\$643.01/per diem

<b>Essex</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$138.69	\$140.94/per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$33.70	\$34.24/ hr
Inpatient Respite	\$147.00	\$149.98/per diem
General Inpatient	\$611.10	\$621.83/per diem

<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$138.69	\$143.37/per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$33.70	\$34.83 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$147.00	\$152.06/per diem
General Inpatient	\$611.10	\$631.88/per diem

<b>Bristol</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$138.69	\$142.17 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$33.70	\$34.54 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$147.00	\$151.03 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$611.10	\$626.91 /per diem

<b>Hampden, Hampshire</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$132.52	\$133.54 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$32.20	\$32.45 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$141.71	\$143.65 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$585.57	\$591.22 /per diem

<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$131.53	\$133.74 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$31.96	\$32.50 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$140.87	\$143.82 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$581.48	\$592.04 /per diem

<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$138.69	\$142.48 /per
Continuous Home Care	\$33.70	\$34.62 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$147.00	\$151.30 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$611.10	\$628.21 /per diem

<b>Rural (Nantucket, Dukes)</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$131.53	\$133.89 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$31.96	\$32.53 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$140.87	\$143.94 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$581.48	\$592.66 /per diem

<b>Berkshire, Pittsfield</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$130.13	\$135.98 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$31.62	\$33.04 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$139.66	\$145.73 /per diem
General Inpatient	\$575.67	\$601.30 /per diem

<b>Barnstable County</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rates</b>
Routine Home Care	\$154.11	\$153.48 /per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$37.44	\$37.29 /hr
Inpatient Respite	\$160.21	\$160.73/per diem
General Inpatient	\$674.90	\$673.73 /per diem